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EXTERNALLY AIDED EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the various externally aided Educational Projects, currently accessible to the Indian scholars of various disciplines;

(b) the names of externally aided scholarships for various disciplines and the respective awardees during the last two years;

(c) whether the Indian Embassies abroad also invite applications from foreign nationals for the research/study programmes in India;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the research activities carried out in the field of archaeology, art and history by Indian scholars during the last three years through these externally aided scholarships?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) - (b) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

(c) - (d) The Indian Council for Cultural Relations invites applications through Indian Missions abroad from foreign nationals for research/special programmes in India and administers several scholarship schemes under which foreign scholars are accommodated. The ICCR offers 1000 scholarships every year under its various schemes. International students from over 70 countries study in different universities and educational institutions in India and pursue a variety of courses from under-graduate studies to doctoral degrees in various subjects. The scholarships are available for scholars in humanities, pure sciences, performing arts, agriculture, education, environment studies, languages, literature, mass-communication, engineering, applied economics, biochemistry, business administration, social work, public administration, law & religious studies, international studies, anthropology, etc., and also for learning Indian classical music and dance, painting, sculpture, etc.

While terms and conditions of various scholarship schemes may vary marginally in terms of whether the scholarship is inclusive of air fare or not, for most part they are uniform and consist of tuition fee, stipend for living expenses, house rent allowance, annual contingency grant and medical coverings. Beside this, study tour, students` camps and welfare activities, such as celebration of International Students Festivals are also undertaken.

Government of India offers various scholarship programmes for Bhutanese nationals. The details are as follows:

i 50 scholarships under Aid to Bhutan.
ii 50 scholarships under TCS of the Colombo Plan.
iii 20 slots for training facilities under ITEC Programme for short term training courses.
iv Chair/Fellowship/Scholarship under SAARC Scheme:

Scholarship : 2
Fellowship : 1
Chair (to be rotated among SAARC countries) : 1

The following scholarships are being offered to Nepalese scholars in 2000- 2001:

i 50 scholarships for BE/BTech courses under Nepal Aid Fund.
ii 25 scholarships for Postgraduate courses under Silver Jubilee Scholarship Scheme.
iii 3 scholarships for courses in music/fine arts under General Cultural Scholarship Scheme (GSCC).
iv 2 scholarships of PhD under SAARC Scheme.
v 5 scholarships each for M.Sc.(Agriculture), B.Sc.(Agriculture) and BVSc under Nepal Aid Fund.
vi 3 scholarships for Diploma in Engineering under GSCC.
vii 50 scholarships for employees of His Majesty`s Government of Nepal under TCS of Colombo Plan.
viii 30 scholarships for employees of His Majesty`s Government of Nepal under ITEC Scheme.

ix 50 scholarships by Indira Gandhi National Open University for SAARC countries for Open University courses.

(e) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.